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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT THEREFOR

Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) petition(s) the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated July 15, 2003 for Three(3) month(s) from October 15, 2003 to January 15, 2004. An Amendment responding to the aforesaid Office Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

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